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DRIVING DEVICE, POSITION CONTROLLER

PROVIDED WITH DRIVING DEVICE, AND

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97, Applicant wishes to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each document is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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Submitted herewith is a copy of a Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection, dated August 17, 2004, for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-208854, along with the English translation thereof. The Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection cites the following references in the order listed below:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 5-328757 (CANON INC), published December 10, 1993; and
- Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 2000-78861(MINOLTA CO LTD), published March 14, 2000.

Also, the Applicant would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following document:

(3) Kataoka, U.S. Patent No. 5,539,268, issued July 23, 1996.

Document (3) is a U.S. counterpart to document (1).

The above-cited references are submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i) as submitted information to be placed in the application file. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is required. If it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any required fee during the pendency of this application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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